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REMARKS

Claims 32 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice, and therefore claims 16 to 31 are now pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16 to 31.

Claims 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Scruggs et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,389,226. While the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, claims 32 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice. It is therefore respectfully requested that the anticipation rejections be withdrawn as moot.

Since claims 16 to 31 are allowed, it is respectfully requested that the present application issue as early as possible.

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